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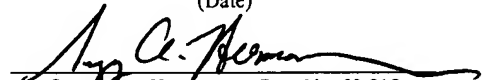
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Parts mailed on April 4, 2005, Applicant submits the following preliminary amendment for consideration in connection with and prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.